

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 10—19 with the following.

Computing networks and environments vary in size and purpose. Most computer networks and computing systems require potential users to present some sort of proof that they are allowed to access the computing resources. Typically, users are required to enter a qualifying user name and password prior to accessing the system. Some network security schemes require potential users to present a portable token or other like mechanism to help verify that they are authorized to access certain resources. For example, smartcards are becoming more popular for authenticating users. Additionally, there is usually a need to establish trusted relationships between various computing devices and resources to further control and ~~manages-manage~~ the computing environment.